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Interest rate on EPF

987. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether differences have surfaced between Government and the representatives of the employees on the issue of interest rate on Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts made to sort out the differences; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The issue of rate of interest on Employees' Provident Fund has been deliberated upon by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund in its meetings wherein no consensus was reached on this issue.

(c) and (d) The issue is scheduled to be discussed again by the Central Board in its ensuring meeting to be held on 10th March, 2007.

Medical camps for beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

988. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no medical camps have been held in some districts for beedi workers over the last three years in Andhra Pradesh;